

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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Subject: Buffalo Weaving and Belting Co., City of Buffalo, NY -
Fire damaged buildings containing drums of unknown materials and fire
damaged materials, and suspected asbestos-wrapped piping beneath
collapsed roofs and fire damaged debris. Other buildings contain drums,
laboratory chemicals, asbestos, and electrical transformers.

POLREP NO: Six (6) www.epaosc.net/buffaloweaving

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.: 02TU
RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS: Non-NPL
CERCLIS ID: NYD002111375
START DATE: April 18, 2003
COMPLETION DATE: N/A
VERBAL FUNDING: April 18, 2003 by ERRD Division Director
ACTION MEMO (AM) STATUS: Signed May 5, 2003

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. **Situation** (See POLREP 1) www.epaosc.net/buffaloweaving

B. **Actions Taken**

1. Dismantling operations have been completed for this phase of the project. Building 19 remains to be dismantled, but equipment within the buildings may have some value, so dismantling will occur within the next few months. Non-hazardous demolition debris is being sent for landfill at BFI landfill, located in Niagara Falls, NY. As of August 4, 2003, a total of 68 trucks containing 735 tons of debris has been sent off-site.

2. Scrap metal shipments have begun. The scrap metal is being recycled at Lake Erie Recycling, located in Buffalo, NY. A total of 200 tons of scrap metal has been shipped off-site to date.
3. As of August 4, a total of 130 partially full drums, 49 empty drums, 24 capacitors, 13 transformers, 125 lab chemical containers and 175 five gallon pails of unknowns have been extracted from the site debris. These containers were placed into storage containers and placed into designated drum storage areas. Including the containers within the site buildings, a total of 650 drums and over 2,000 other containers are at the site.
4. All asbestos within the site buildings damaged by the fire has been abated. A total of 15 trucks containing 160 tons of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) debris have been sent off-site for landfill to date. The ACM debris is being sent for landfill at Minerva Enterprises landfill, located in Waynesburg, Ohio. The bagged asbestos was sent off-site for landfill at BFI, located in Niagara Falls, NY. A total of 30 cubic yards (approximately 100 bags) was shipped.
5. Sampling results from all electrical transformers has been received. Of the 15 transformers, six have PCBs above regulatory cleanup levels. These transformers have been placed into secure storage, pending disposal.
6. Air monitoring results have been negative for asbestos and particulate monitoring has shown minimal dust generation to date. Air monitoring has been discontinued for asbestos and particulates since abatement and dismantling operations are completed.
7. The rear of the site has been cleared and grubbed, debris removed, and rear of the site buildings have been reinforced. Site security has been reduced to one personnel. Security will remain in place at the site until the cleanup within the main site buildings are completed.
8. Three machinery pits required cleanup. A total of 10 drums of grease and 6 drums of oil were removed from the pits. Upon completion of the cleanup the pits will be backfilled.
9. The two, 10,000 gallon fuel oil tanks have been uncovered from their concrete vault. Samples have been taken and disposal of the tanks and waste is forthcoming. Upon completion of the removal of the tanks and cleanup of the vault, the area will be backfilled.
10. Additional funds will be required from EPA to complete the disposal of the drums and transformers within the main site buildings. The OSC is preparing an Action Memorandum for consideration by EPA management.
11. Chandler Street should be reopened for traffic within the next several weeks. The street will be opened when the site property is secure.

C. Future Actions

1. Additional funds to complete project will be requested in an Action Memorandum to be reviewed by EPA management.
2. Site property will be secured upon completion of the dismantling phase of the project.
3. Site security and operations will continue.

D. Key Issues

None

IV. COST INFORMATION: As of 08/04/03

Site Ceiling as of 08/04/03			
	Total Ceiling	Costs to Date	Amount Remaining
WRS I&E	\$ 825,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 150,000
RST	\$ 106,000	\$ 96,000	\$ 10,000
Totals	\$ 931,000	\$ 771,000	\$ 160,000

An additional \$162,000 was obligated to the project ceiling on July 20, 2003.

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data, which the OSC must rely upon, may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.